

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
August 31, 2006**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy board meeting was held on August 31, 2006, 9:00am, at The Professional Licensing Boards division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following members were present:

Steve Earles
Jane H. Johnson
Kathy V. Lescak
Melony Phillips

Absent: Marlene Gaskill

Others Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Janet Wray, Attorney General's Office

Ms. Johnson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Boards meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda: Ms. Philips moved, Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board approved the Agenda as presented

Minutes: Ms. Lescak moved, Mr. Earles seconded and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the August 17 & 18, 2006 meeting.

Discussion: Senate Bill 110, AS PASSED

Ms. Johnson, Board Chair, provided an overview of Senate Bill 110, creation of the Massage Therapy Board, as passed. Ms. Johnson discussed the development of the bill, the reasoning behind some of the language and clarification.

Application Development & Board Rule 345-3 Applications:

The Board discussed the eligibility requirements for applicants (proposed rule 345-2 Applications) during this initial year of licensure (through June 30, 2007). The proposed rule outlines ten separate ways an individual may be considered for licensure in Georgia as a Massage Therapist prior to July 1, 2007 and the required supporting documents necessary.

The Board discussed applicants being responsible for submission of a complete application. A complete application is to include all verifications, documentation and other supporting materials as required by the Board be submitted together for the Board to consider licensure. Any incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant. Statement requested by Board to be added to application regarding the amount of time involved in gathering and submission of the materials and for applicants to plan accordingly.

Continued Rule Promulgation Discussion:

The Board continued their discussion/development of rules and forms.

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded, reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, ED

Jane H. Johnson, Chair

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on _____.